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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A skin care composition comprising:
 - a) a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, isomers of hexamidine, tautomers of hexamidine; and derivatives;
 - b) a safe and effective amount of one or more skin care active selected from the group consisting of ~~sugar amine, salts of sugar amines, isomers of sugar amines, tautomers of sugar amines, vitamin B₃, salts of vitamin B₃, retinoid, peptide, phytosterol, butylated hydroxytoluene and butylated hydroxyanisole, their derivatives, a vitamin B₃ compound and combinations thereof;~~ and
 - c) a dermatologically acceptable carrier for the hexamidine and the skin care active.
2. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.0001% to about 25%, by weight, of the hexamidine compound.
3. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight, of an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of desquamatory actives, anti-acne actives, wrinkle repair actives, anti-oxidants, radical scavengers, chelators, anti-inflammatory agents, topical anesthetics, tanning actives, skin lightening agents, anti-cellulite agents, flavonoids, antimicrobial actives, antifungal actives, sunscreen actives, conditioning agents, and combinations thereof.
4. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition is an emulsion.
5. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 4 wherein the emulsion is selected from the group consisting of water-in-oil emulsions, oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-silicone emulsions, and combinations thereof.

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6. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating the condition of mammalian keratinous tissue, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
7. (Withdrawn) A method of thickening the skin and/or preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin atrophy of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
8. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of spider vessels and/or red blotchiness on mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
9. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of dark, under-eye circles and/or puffy eyes, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
10. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sallowness of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
11. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing and/or retarding tanning of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
12. (Withdrawn) A method of desquamating, exfoliating, and/or increasing turnover in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
13. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating and/or reducing the size of pores in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

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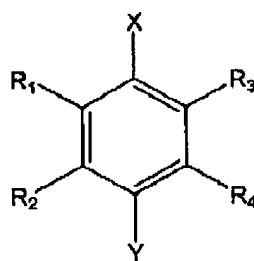
14. (Withdrawn) A method of regulating the oily and/or shiny appearance of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
15. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating hyperpigmentation, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
16. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sagging of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
17. (Withdrawn) A method of softening and/or smoothing lips, hair and nails of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the lips, hair, and nails of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
18. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating itch of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatments the composition of Claim 1.
19. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of fine lines and/or wrinkles in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
20. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin dryness in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment, the composition of Claim 1.
21. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising hexamidine, a sugar amine, and a vitamin B₃ compound and wherein said vitamin B₃ is from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the total skin care composition.

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22. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of claim 21 wherein said sugar amine is N-acetyl glucosamine and said vitamin B₃ compound is niacinamide.
23. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein ~~said one or more skin care active is vitamin B₃ and wherein~~ said vitamin B₃ compound is from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the total skin care composition.
24. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition of Claim 23 wherein said vitamin B₃ compound comprises niacinamide.
25. (Previously Presented) The skin care composition of Claim 23 further comprising ascorbyl glucoside.
26. (Previously Presented) A skin care composition comprising:
 - a) a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, isomers of hexamidine, and tautomers of hexamidine;
 - b) from about 0.01% to about 10% of a vitamin B₃ compound;
 - c) a panthenol compound; and
 - d) a dermatologically acceptable carrier.
27. (Canceled)
28. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 26 further comprising a vitamin E compound.
29. (Previously presented) The skin care composition of Claim 28 wherein said vitamin E compound comprises tocopherol acetate.
30. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 3 wherein the anti-cellulite agent is caffeine.
31. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a retinoid.
32. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a peptide.

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33. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 32 wherein the peptide is selected from a group consisting of dipeptides, tripeptides, tetrapeptides, and pentapeptides.
34. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 32 wherein the peptide is carnosine.
35. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a phytosterol.
36. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising a compound according to formula (I):



(I)

wherein x is selected from the group consisting of OH and SH;

Y is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, OR₃, COOR₃, alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, carboxamido, sulfonamido, carbamate, urea, and trialkylsilyl;

R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, OR₃, carboxamido, sulfonamido, formyl, acyl, carboxyl, carboxylate, carbamate, urea, trialkylsilyl, hydroxyl, and hydrogen; and

R₅ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aromatic, heteroaromatic, trialkylsilyl, acyl, and hydrogen.